

SUPPORT FOR IDEALS AND GOALS OF CITIZENSHIP DAY 2009

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 271 submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 271) expressing support for the ideals and goals of Citizenship Day 2009.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statement related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 271) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 271

Whereas Constitution Day and Citizenship Day are observed each year on September 17;

Whereas, the Joint Resolution of February 29, 1952 (66 Stat. 9, chapter 49), designated September 17 of each year as "Citizenship Day", in "commemoration of the formation and signing, on September 17, 1787, of the Constitution of the United States and in recognition of all who, by coming of age or by naturalization have attained the status of citizenship";

Whereas section 111(c) of Division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-447; 118 Stat. 3344) amended section 106 of title 36, United States Code, to designate September 17 as "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day";

Whereas Citizenship Day is a special day for all United States citizens, including those who were born in the United States and those who chose to become citizens;

Whereas Citizenship Day is a day to take pride in being a United States citizen and to appreciate the rights, freedoms, and responsibilities inherent in United States citizenship;

Whereas, on Citizenship Day, naturalization ceremonies will be held at historic landmarks throughout the United States;

Whereas United States citizens are viewed with respect, honor, and dignity in the United States and throughout the world; and

Whereas, on September 17 of each year, "The civil and educational authorities of States, counties, cities, and towns are urged to make plans for the proper observance of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day and for the complete instruction of citizens in their responsibilities and opportunities as citizens of the United States and of the State and locality in which they reside", section 106(d) of title 36, United States Code: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the ideals and goals of Citizenship Day 2009;

(2) recognizes that citizens from all backgrounds have made countless contributions to the strength of the United States, making the United States a symbol of success, promise, and hope;

(3) recognizes the initiative taken by immigrants to learn about the responsibilities and significance of United States citizenship and wishes immigrants well in their future efforts to contribute to the United States; and

(4) calls on the people of the United States to observe Citizenship Day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs in support of all United States citizens.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. CASEY. As a point of clarification with respect to the agreement governing consideration of H.R. 3288, if a new substitute amendment has to be offered, no amendments would be in order to that amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The record will so reflect.

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the previous order regarding H.R. 3288 be modified to provide that the Senate resume consideration of the bill at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 17, and then the remaining provisions of the order remain in effect.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, September 17; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the

morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then proceed to a period of morning business for 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final half; that following morning business, the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 98, H.R. 2996, the Interior appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. CASEY. Tomorrow at 2 p.m., the Senate will suspend consideration of the Interior appropriations bill in order to complete action on the Transportation-HUD appropriations bill. At 2 p.m., the Senate will proceed to a series of up to six rollcall votes, including passage of the Transportation-HUD appropriations bill.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. CASEY. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:05 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate, Wednesday, September 16, 2009:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JOHN M. MCHUGH, OF NEW YORK, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

JOSEPH W. WESTPHAL, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

JUAN M. GARCIA III, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.